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Dear Colleagues

I invite you to participate in the 25th World Congress of Political Science, held by the International Political Science Association in Brisbane, Australia from July 21 – 25, 2018. The Congress Theme for the 2018 meeting is **Borders and Margins**. As Session Chair for General Session 07: *Minorities: Race, Religion, Sexuality*, I am responsible for reviewing proposals for panels and papers for this session of the Congress. Proposals, should you choose to do so, may also be submitted a variety of sections, through one of the other General Sessions (1 – 11) or to one of IPSA's Research Committees (1 – 51). The Congress website <https://wc2018.ipsa.org/events/congress/wc2018/home> is open for submission of panels and papers; **that is the only location for submissions**. Anyone may submit, and proposals on any subject within Political Science are welcome. You are not required to be a member of IPSA to submit a proposal, but you must create a (free) IPSA account before submitting a proposal. Should your proposal be accepted you would then have to become a member of IPSA in order to register. The **deadline** for submission of proposals for panels and papers is **October 10**. **Notice of acceptance** of proposals will be released on **January 19, 2018**. Because of the complications associated with travel to Australia, and the lengthy time required for acquisition of an Australian visa (*a minimum of three months*), it is wise to plan carefully and early for this Congress. This meeting incorporates meetings of IPSA, the Australian Political Studies Association and the Biennial Oceanic Conference on International Studies.

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Congress Session 07: Minorities: Race, Religion, Sexuality [Call for Papers](#)

The theme of the Brisbane Congress **Borders and Margins** is especially compatible with the area of Minorities: Race, Religion, Sexuality. Contemporary developments throughout the world, from recent elections: the 2016 Trump election, Brexit, and other Exit possibilities, the Arab Spring and religious extremism whether in Christian or Islamic movements, have placed

challenging demands on national and international agendas. As international economic and political developments have encouraged migration to growing economies and escape from internal conflicts, across national borders in the last decades, newly complex populations have also generated increased reactions across many dimensions. Minorities can be characterized categorically and theoretically along lines of racial, religious and gender/sexuality, but they also have complex implications in an array of intersections. Some of these developments are mutually compatible and move in similar directions; others not so much. Margins and marginalization within and without nation states, can be explored in a variety of ways. These interactions of the Congress Theme with this Session's theme of Minorities can be explored across the many components and conceptual approaches within Political Science reflected in IPSA's research committees. Whether examination of geographic areas, military developments, public opinion, electoral politics, political institutions such as legislatures, judicial systems, political philosophy or theory, there are many ways in which such exploration can occur. Empirical, methodological and theoretical approaches should be addressed in proposals for panels and/or for individual papers.